AT&T Gears Up for Infrastructure Upgrade (See map below)

Our local carrier, **AT&T**, is in the process of upgrading its El Segundo telecommunications infrastructure in order to deliver new video-services, higher-speed internet, as well as, traditional telephone services. AT&T's authority to provide new video services was approved by the State of California under the state's new Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act. AT&T recently applied for and received a state video franchise that allows it to provide video programming in El Segundo, as well as, in every other area of their telephone service territory.

AT&T's new video service offering, which is called U-verse, requires the installation of additional telecommunications equipment in order to push fiber-optic cable lines closer to its customer's premises. In El Segundo, AT&T has identified 15 locations in the public rights-of-way, as potential sites for the installation of the U-verse telecommunication cabinets.

While the new state video franchise law removes local government control over video and cable franchising, state franchisees (like AT&T and Time Warner Cable) still must obtain construction permits from the city for any work in the rights-of-way, just as telephone providers have in the past.

As part of the construction permit process, the city recently requested AT&T submit applications for each location requiring infrastructure improvements. Additionally, AT&T agreed to a public notification and protest procedure that included sending certified letters to all property owners within 300 feet of the proposed telecommunications cabinet installation. In late May, AT&T initiated the notification process.

An additional public information outreach effort by the city has been to provide relevant information on the city's website. A link has been created on the Public Works Department webpage under the heading Proposed AT&T Cabinet Installations Map. This provides a direct link to an interactive map for the proposed new telecommunication cabinet sites including photographs of the sites as they would appear after installation.

Technical questions regarding these proposed facilities can be directed to Ms. Creasie Adams, AT&T External Affairs Manager at (213) 743-7003.

PROPOSED AT&T CABINET INSTALLATION SITES

City of El Segundo